

The 28,000 square foot library facility will provide a state of the art computer lab, a children's learning center and a Chicano Resource Center to extend educational and cultural services to children, families, and the entire community.

The East Los Angeles Civic Center Library was made possible through the leadership efforts of Supervisor Gloria Molina and collaboration between local merchants, community leaders, the Los Angeles County Library Foundation, and the County of Los Angeles Public Library.

It is with great pleasure that I recognize the vision and commitment of communities who care about our future generations.

HONORING THE TOWN OF
ELBERTA, ALABAMA, ON THE
OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the community of Elberta, Alabama, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of its founding.

The site for Elberta was initially chosen by three German businessmen—Alexander Klappenback, F.W. Herdrick, and Henry Bartling—who had journeyed to Baldwin County from Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of creating a German settlement. The Baldwin County Colonization Company was created in November, 1903, to develop this settlement in an area along Perdido Bay known as the "Elberta District." The town originally consisted of ten miles of roads and land that was divided into plots of 20- and 40 acres and sold to families moving into that area.

The first families arrived in the new settlement of Elberta in January 1904, and the area began to grow and prosper. Nearly five decades later, the Elberta Lions Club started a movement within the community to push for the incorporation of the area. The incorporation effort was successful, and one year later the first mayor and city council were elected for the newly created town of Elberta.

During its 100 years in existence, the members of this community have created a very rich and diverse history, and have worked tirelessly to provide the best benefits possible for themselves and their county. In the five decades that have passed since the incorporation of the town, the citizens and leaders of Elberta have done extensive work to put into place the resources that could be used to attract outside industry and lead to an increase in the population base.

Mr. Speaker, the residents of Elberta, Alabama, are firmly rooted in their proud past, and at the same time are keeping a careful and optimistic eye on the road ahead. The vision displayed by their community leaders during the past 100 years has led to the creation of a stable community and an anchor for all of Baldwin County, and I have no doubt that the continued inspired leadership and vision of today's residents and leaders will lead to even greater successes in the years ahead. It is my hope the Town of Elberta continues its story of success for another 100 years.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARJORIE
LONG

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Marjorie Long, a retired teacher from Delta, Colorado who recently celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday. A lifelong teacher, Marjorie has compiled a long record of service and dedication to her fellow Coloradans. It is my privilege to recognize her service today before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Marjorie taught her students more than just English and Mathematics, instilling in them a desire to do their very best. She was a commanding presence in the classroom whose lessons were the foundation of students that went on to become doctors, lawyers, teachers, businessmen, and judges. Her students respected and admired her; several of them continue to demonstrate their respect by calling, writing and looking her up when they pass through the area. Upon retirement Marjorie took up cooking for the ranch hands that worked the family farm and became an active and distinguished member of the Retired Teachers Association.

Mr. Speaker, Marjorie Long is a dedicated public servant who has bettered her community by enriching the lives of Colorado students. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation today to recognize her many years of service and hard work. Thank you for your devotion to education Marjorie, and I wish you a happy ninety-ninth birthday.

HONORING BARBARA MARTIG

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and honor my compassionate and caring constituent, Ms. Barbara Martig. Barb's efforts have greatly impacted the lives of senior citizens for many years, and she deserves recognition for the many contributions she has made to our community.

Throughout her life, Barb has demonstrated time and again that she is dedicated to advancing the cause of seniors. While working for the Boulder County Aging Services, she also volunteered her time to numerous committees and councils relating to the advancement of the senior agenda. Due to this unwavering devotion to her work, she was recently chosen to receive the "Women Who Light Up The Community" award. This honor, given by the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, is presented to people who volunteer their time and talents to make Boulder County a better place to live, work and play.

In addition to her work with the elderly, Barb has worked tirelessly on transportation issues. By participating in the City of Boulder's Future Search Project, she contributed to the creation of a new bus line for our community and helped in finding solutions to many public transit problems that arose.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in expressing our gratitude to Ms.

Martig for touching our community in far-reaching ways. In a time when we still face insurmountable odds regarding the welfare of our senior citizens, we must recognize that there are people such as Barb who have an innate devotion to our elderly citizens. I'm proud to offer warm congratulations to Barb on her award, honor her achievements, and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors. She stands out as a beacon of our community, who truly lights up many of our lives.

RECOGNIZING ARMY RANGER TIM
ANTONSON

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and praise an intrepid soldier dedicated to defending his country. Tim Antonson has dutifully served as an Army Ranger in numerous war zones around the world.

Tim Antonson was born in Robinsdale, Minnesota on April 3, 1979 and graduated from Springstead High School in Spring Hill, Florida. After graduation, Tim joined the National Guard and then attended Army Ranger School. Soon, he was commissioned to serve as part of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Kosovo. Tim's next mission was with the 10th Mountain Division Army infantry battalion to Iskandariyah, about 30 miles south of Baghdad.

During his service in Baghdad, Tim helped rebuild hospitals, reopen schools, and secure energy facilities. He was awarded a Bronze Star for his heroism in the face of hostile enemy forces. Tim has shown invaluable bravery and admirable selflessness in his mission to protect the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, Tim Antonson represents the future of our country and should be honored for his service and dedication. It is my privilege to represent Tim Antonson of the Fifth Congressional District, and I am proud to praise him on the floor of this House.

28TH ANNUAL ASIAN-AMERICAN
CHARITY BALL

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to announce that the Asian-American Medical Association will be hosting the 28th Annual Asian-American Charity Ball on Saturday, November 13, 2004, at the Avalon Manor in Hobart, Indiana. Each year, the Asian-American Medical Association honors prominent, extraordinary citizens for their contributions to the community. In recognition of their tremendous efforts, they are honored at a banquet and awarded the prestigious Crystal Globe Award.

The Asian-American Medical Association is a great asset to Northwest Indiana. This organization has dedicated itself to providing quality service to the residents of Indiana's First